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FOR: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A
HIGH PURITY COMPOUND
HAVING OXYGEN AND
LUBRICATING OIL

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows.

3. (Amended) The process according to Claim 1, wherein the adsorbent is an oxide of at least one metal selected from a group consisting of aluminum, iron, titanium, silicon and tin, a clay mineral, activated carbon or an ion exchange resin.

4. (Amended) The process according to Claim 1, wherein the adsorbent is activated carbon, silica-alumina, activated clay, bentonite, zeolite or activated alumina.